Drug-eluting stents for all patients with acute coronary syndromes?

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Abstract:

The treatment of acute coronary syndrome involves a combination of pharmaco-therapy and (usually) revascularisation. While coronary surgery is sometimes needed in 2/3 of patients undergoing percutaneous coronary interventions. This currently involves stenting with metal stents, and drug-eluting stents (DES) lower restenosis rates but because of concerns about increased rates of late stent thrombosis, there are both clinical and economic concerns about their use in all patients. Outcomes of a selective DES use strategy will be described.